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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 18 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

19 CITY OF SPOKANE, a municipal)	CASE NO.: 2:15-cv-00201-MKD
20 corporation, located in the County of)	
21 Spokane, State of Washington,)	JOINT STATUS REPORT
Plaintiff,)	
22 v.)	
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23 MONSANTO COMPANY; SOLUTIA)	
24 INC., and PHARMACIA LLC, and DOES)	
25 1-100,)	
Defendants.)	

1 Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2020 Order (ECF No. 578), Plaintiff City of
2 Spokane ("Plaintiff") and Defendants Monsanto Company, Solutia Inc., and Pharmacia
3 LLC (together "Defendants") submit this Joint Status Report.
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5 This matter has been stayed pending consideration by the United States District
6 Court for the Central District of California of a nationwide class action settlement in
7 *City of Long Beach v. Monsanto Co., et al.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-03493-FMO-AS (C.D.
8 Cal.). As previously reported, the *City of Long Beach* Court preliminarily approved
9 the national class action settlement and set a schedule through final approval of the
10 settlement. This Joint Status Report provides an update on the *City of Long Beach*
11 settlement.
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14 **Status of Proposed Settlement Agreement**

15 Plaintiff is one of thirteen named class plaintiffs in a class action complaint,
16 which was filed with a motion for preliminary approval of a proposed nationwide
17 settlement class on June 24, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Central
18 District of California. *See City of Long Beach*, Motion for Certification, ECF No. 191.
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20 The settlement agreement resolves allegations against Defendants related to
21 Defendants' manufacture, sale, testing, disposal, release, marketing, promotion, or
22 management of PCBs for alleged PCB-related environmental impairments, including
23 impairments to water bodies. Once approved, the settlement agreement will resolve
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1 the present cases, as well as several similar lawsuits in various other courts, most of
2 which have also been stayed pending approval of the settlement agreement.

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4 On March 14, 2022, the *City of Long Beach* Court preliminarily certified the
5 class and approved the proposed class notice. *See* ECF No. 587. Pursuant to the *City*
6 *of Long Beach* Court's May 9, 2022 Scheduling Order, the deadline for class members
7 to opt out or object to the settlement was July 25, 2022. *Id.* On August 8, 2022, the
8 Settlement Administrator submitted a list of opt-outs and objections to the court. *City*
9 *of Long Beach* at ECF No. 301. On September 1, 2022, Plaintiffs submitted a notice
10 and motion in support of final approval of the class action settlement. *Id.* at ECF No.
11 304. On September 8, 2022, Defendants submitted a memorandum in support of final
12 approval of the class action settlement. *Id.* at ECF No. 305. The final approval hearing
13 remains scheduled for October 13, 2022. *Id.* at ECF No. 296.

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15 Because the proposed nationwide settlement would resolve this case, in the
16 interest of judicial economy, Plaintiffs and Defendants jointly request this Court
17 maintain the stay of deadlines in this case pending resolution of the *City of Long Beach*
18 proposed nationwide class action settlement.

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20 Dated: October 13, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 13, 2022, I caused the foregoing to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System, which in turn automatically generated a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to all parties in the case who are registered users of the CM/ECF system. The NEF for the foregoing specifically identifies recipients of electronic notice.

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